of the country is disseminated to the potential tourists overseas through Govt. of India tourist Offices located in various parts of the world. The information is supplied by way of distribution of latest tourist information literature, through direct contact with tourists as also through print and electronic media.

(c) The Government is making continuous efforts to attract foreign tourists to the country through improvement of infrastructural facilities, strengthening of publicity and marketing efforts in the overseas markets and development of human resources for the sector.

Food poisoning at Bhiwandi, near Mumbai

3616. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 100 powerloom workers at Bhiwandi, near Mumbai, became critically ill on the 6th August, 1996 due to food poisoning;

(b) if so, how many of them died and how many are receicing treatment in hospital;

(c) details of relief provided to the kith and kin of those who are undergoing treatment;

(d) whether the causes of the food poisoning have been identified; and

(e) the results of the investigations made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (b) 113 Powerloom workers were affected by food poisoning at Bhiwandi. A total of 112 persons were taking treatment in Hospitals out of which 85 have died as on 7.9.1996.

(c) The victims have been provided with Prompt medical treatment by the State Government. A sum of Rs. 25,000/- has been announced as ex-gratia payment to the kith and kin of the diseased.

(d) and (e) Investigations are still going on to find out the cause of food poisoning.

Unutilised amount of World Bank and ADB Aid

3617. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2281 given in Rajya Sabha on 27th August, 1996 and state the details of unspent and unutilised amount of World Bank and Asain Development Bank aids received during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Under the present dispensation, external aid is received generally on reimbursement basis against expenditure incurred by the executing agencies. As such, non-utilisation of external aid received from World Bank and ADB does not arise. However, the aid received from World Bank and Asian Development Bank during the last two years is as under:

(US $ Million)

	1994-95	1995-96 (Provisional)
(i) World Bank	1756.44	1326.64
(ii) ADB	505.60	584.21

Acquisition of Central Yoga Research Institute and Vishvayatan Yogashram

3618. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the Central Yoga Research Institute and Vishvayatan Yogashram, in New Delhi, were acquired and the reasons therefor;

(b) the amount of money provided by the Central Government to these institutes each year before their acquisition;

(c) the number of cases regarding committing forgery in the accounts of these institutes and committing serious financial irregularities and what are the names of the persons against whom action has been taken and what action has been taken against each of them; and

(d) the details of the programmes being run by these two institutes together with the achievements thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The management of Central Research Institute for Yoga (CRIY), and Vishwayatan Yogashram (VY) was taken over by the Central Government on 24.5.77 in public interest and in order to secure their proper management.

(b) Year-wise details of funds released to CRIY and VY by the Central Govt. before the take over of their management are given in the statement annexed.

(c) On receipt of a number of complaints alleging irregularities in the utilisation of funds and mismanagement of affairs of CRIY and VY by late Swami Dhirendra Brahmachari, this Ministry appointed two inquiry officers in the year 1986 to investigate into the allegations. Based on the inquiry reports, this Ministry stopped grants to VY with effect from 1.4.90. As there is nobody after Swamiji's death who can account for his actions with regard to the functioning of CRIY and VY during his life time, it has been decided not to pursue the inquiry reports further.

(d) CRIY imparts yoga training to the individuals and yoga therapy to the patients suffering from diseases whereas VY imparts only yoga training to the people in the premises of the institutes. As these institute have not been effectively discharging their roles in the present state, efforts have been initiated to establish a National Institute for Yoga by merging these institutes.

Statement

Details of funds released to Central Research Institute for Yoga and Vishwayatan Yogeshram by the Central Govt. before the Management of these institutions were taken over by the Central govt.:

Name of the Institution	Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Central Research Instt. for Yoga.	1975-76	3.40
	1976-77	7.08
2. Vishwayatan Yogashram	1957-58	0.20
	1958-59	0.50
	1959-60	0.70
	1960-61	0.20
	1961-62	0.92
	1962-63	0.27
	1965-66	0.53
	1966-67	0.31
	1967-68	0.76
	1968-69	0.56
	1969-70	0.84

Name of the Institution	Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
	1970-71	1.44
	1971-72	0.96
	1972-73	0.93
	1973-74	0.80
	1974-75	1.20
	1975-76	1.73
	1976-77	2.34

Charges of Mismanagement and Siphoning of funds in Shaw Wallace & Company Ltd.

3619. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the charges of gross mismanagement and siphoning of funds in Shaw Wallace & Company;

(b) the steps taken by the Company Law Board to protect the interest of the minority shareholders;

(c) the percentage of shares held by financial institutions, UTI, insurance companies etc. in Shaw Wallace & Company; and

(d) steps taken by Government to protect these investments in the company?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMABARAM): (a) to (d) (i) The Department of Company affairs had ordered inspection of books of account and other records of Shaw Wallace & Co. Ltd. under section 209A of the Companies Act, 1956. The inspection report has brought out details of huge inter-corporate deposits taken and given, interest waived on such deposits given, details of huge bad debts and advances written off, details of borrowed funds which were utilised in lending without adequate returns, payment of non-competition fee, unnecessary payment of consultancy and brokerage charges, etc.

(ii) The findings of the inspection report, the scrutiny of the company's audited accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1995, subsequent complaints, information received from financial institutions and field offices of the Department of Company Affairs have been examined and this has revealed that financial mismanagement of the affairs of the company has led to a very severe cash crunch, which has endangered the company's solvency and that the affairs of the company are being conducted in a manner oppressive to the members of the company and in a manner which is prejudicial to the interests of the company and to the public interest.

(iii) A petition under sections 235, 237, 397, 398, 399, 402, 403, 406 and 408 of the Companies Act, 1956 has been filed before the Principal Bench of the Company Law Board on 16.7.96 by the All India Shaw Wallace Employees Federation and nine others. The petition came up for hearing before the Company Law Board on 22.8.1996 and was adjourned to 24.9.1996 for further hearing.

(iv) The shares held by UTI, Insurance Companies, Public Sector Banks and State Government as on 20.8.96 are 26.1% of the total shareholding of Shaw Wallace & Company Ltd.

(v) The central Government has made a reference to the Principal Bench of the Company Law Board under section 408 of the Companies Act, 1956 on 6th Sep-